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## **STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL ISSUES FUNDS FOR RESTORATION OF REDDING'S HISTORICAL THEATRE**

**Sacramento, CA, November 28, 2001** – State Controller Kathleen Connell today issued a payment of \$250,000 to the City of Redding for the restoration of the historical Cascade Theatre located in downtown Redding. The funds were issued pursuant to the current Budget Act.

The funds will be used to restore and adapt the Cascade Theatre into a multi-use performing arts center for the benefit of the citizens of Shasta County, providing enough space for a wide variety of community events and performances. Restoration efforts would honor the heritage of this historic California building and would be consistent with its designation on both the California and National Registries of Historic Places.

“Preservation of this historically symbolic building is essential to the enrichment of this city and its citizens,” stated Controller Connell. “The creation of a multi-purpose arts venue will undoubtedly serve to revive downtown businesses and provide a forum for cultural events and concerts.”

Specifically, the funds will be used to: improve the building's structural integrity; improve and update its electrical and mechanical systems; design and construct ADA compliant restroom facilities; design and install professional quality theatre rigging, lighting and sound systems; reconstruct its historic façade; and restore its numerous unique decorative interior finishes and architectural elements.

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